

REMARKS

The amendment to the claims seeks to amend claims 18, 50 and 53 for purposes of appeal. A copy of this amendment is being submitted with Applicant's appeal brief as Appendix B.

The amendment to claim 18 is to correct a typographical error by inserting an "and" between the first condition and the second condition at line 10.

The amendment to claim 50 corrects a typographical error in claim 50, which was noted in the Final Office Action date April 27, 2004. Specifically, the amendment deletes a second recitation of a "body portion..." and inserts the word "to" in line 13 thereof. These typographical errors were made in an amendment filed in response to a non-final Office Action dated October 22, 2003, which amendment sought to rewrite claim 50 in independent form.

The amendment to claim 53 adds a pronoun to provide proper antecedent basis for the open end. This typographical error was noted in the Final Office Action dated April 27, 2004.

The amendment to claims 50 and 53 were previously presented in a response filed on June 28, 2004 in response to the final Office Action dated April 27, 2004. However, the amendments to claims 50 and 53 were not entered by the Examiner.

Applicant submits that the amendments to claims 18, 50 and 53 should be entered for purposes of appeal since it will greatly simplify resolution of this matter on appeal. No showing under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 is required since the amendments correct typographical errors noted by the Examiner in the Final

Office Action dated April 27, 2004 and in an Advisory Action dated July 26, 2004. Therefore, review and entry of the amendments should only require a cursory review by the Examiner. MPEP 1207.

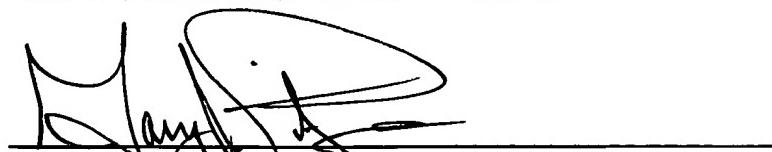
Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment for purposes of appeal.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned should any questions exist concerning this amendment for purposes of appeal.

No fees should be due for the amendments herein as there are the same number of claims. In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document or if any extensions may be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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Appendix C (Evidence Appendix)

NONE

Appendix D (Related Proceedings Appendix)

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